



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Scattered precipitation across Colorado generally replenished moisture supplies but slowed the pace of field operations. The added moisture improved crop conditions and pastureland while irrigation supplies were bolstered in some areas. Despite increased volumes of rainfall, drought conditions persisted in various portions of Colorado. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 5.2 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	32	40	2
Last Week	26	42	32	0
Last Year	60	34	6	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	40	23	0
Last Week	38	39	23	0
Last Year	64	31	5	0

Small Grains: Barley continued to approach maturity at a modest pace with 82 percent turning color by week's end, which is behind last year and the average. Producers managed to harvest an additional 5 percent of the barley crop last week, leaving the harvest 15 percent complete. Spring wheat harvest activities ended the week at 20 percent complete, up only 4 percentage points from last week.

Row Crops: Eighty-six percent of the dry bean crop was in the flowering stage, up from 62 percent previously. Ninety-one percent of Colorado's corn crop was silked, 19 percent was in the dough stage, and 2 percent was dented by week's end. The sorghum crop was 37 percent headed and 15 percent was turning color, behind last year and average in both stages of development. Harvest of dry onions and potatoes outside the San Luis Valley continued last week with progress pegged at 2 percent and 14 percent complete, respectively.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 11, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	12	24	47	7
Last Year	33	23	22	20	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	4	40	51	5
Last Year	1	5	19	68	7
Spring Wheat					
This Week	10	13	35	38	4
Last Year	7	14	21	53	5

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions improved throughout the week, ending with 52 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 62 percent last week. On average, 38 percent is rated very poor to poor. The second and third cuttings of alfalfa were 85 percent and 13 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 11, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	26	26	35	13	0
Prev. Year - 2012	56	30	12	2	0
5-Year Avg.	21	17	26	30	6

Livestock: Livestock condition ratings showed an improvement from the previous week with 61 percent rated good to excellent, up from 50 percent previously. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week ending August 11, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	85	79	92	83
3 rd Cutting	13	8	44	17
Corn				
Silked	91	77	95	94
Dough	19	6	38	27
Dent	2	N/A	5	3
Dry Beans				
Flowered	86	62	79	79
Dry Onions				
Harvested	2	1	13	4
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested				
All other	14	5	34	10
Sorghum				
Headed	37	29	68	65
Turning Color	15	11	28	35
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	82	70	97	95
Harvested	15	10	34	27
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	87	80	98	88
Harvested	20	16	24	18

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	12	34	35	7
Dry Beans	0	14	48	34	4
Dry Onions	0	2	23	65	10
Fall Potatoes					
San Luis Valley	0	0	31	66	3
All Other	0	0	40	55	5
Livestock	3	6	30	57	4
Sorghum	19	21	30	29	1
Sugarbeets	0	2	17	73	8
Sunflowers	10	14	50	25	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.